GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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PRODUCTION OF MOLASSES
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have fixed any norms and policy for the distribution of Molasses and price of the same in various States of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating their existing rates currently followed in various States in comparison with Tamil Nadu;

(c) the details of total production of Molasses alongwith its export and import during the said period;

(d) the measures taken by the Government to curb the illegal use of Molasses, its sale and distribution in the country;

(e) whether there is any Government agency to control and stop such illegal sale and distribution of Molasses in the country; and

(f) if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

THE MININISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) to (f) :Consequent upon the decontrol of molasses in June, 1993 the State Governments control the distribution and sale of molasses and enforce measures for curbing its illegal use under respective State Acts and rules.

The import of molasses during the years 1999-2000, 2000-01 and 2001-02 was 74353 MT, 25881 MT and 31594 MT respectively. There was import of molasses during 1999-2002 whereas export during the years 2000-01 and 2001-02 was 553902 MT and 2221116 MT respectively.